**Activity report**

Site: **Sinana Woreda, Robe Teachers’ College**

*I: Description of the activity*

What is the nature of the activity?

**2nd Innovation Platform meeting**

What were the objectives of the activity?

* **Update IP members about Africa RISING research activities in Sinana and reflect on the field day organized on the previous day**
* **Recapitulate the IP structure and function and IP monitoring and evaluation tools, and collect information on IP establishment process and stakeholder interactions**
* **Discuss technologies selected for pre-scaling up and stakeholders role in it-particularly potential linkage with AGP**

Who organized/originated the activity?

**Africa RISING** **Site coordinators, IP TG members, ILRI researchers**

Date of the activity; **December 14, 2014**

*II: Participation by IP actors in the activity (attach IP register for verification)*

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| **Number of organizations or actors grouped by the type of organization** | **Number** |
| Number of male farmers | 0 |
| Number of female farmers | 0 |
| Number of research organizations | 5 (Sinana ARC, ILRI, ICRISAT, ICARDA, Madawalabu University) |
| Number of policy organizations (including Woreda or kebele offices) | 7 (Sinana Woreda office of Agriculture; Selaka PA administration; Bale zonal office of agriculture, Woreda administration, Woreda Irrigation Office, Woreda Mineral, Water and Energy Office, AGP) |
| Number of NGOs | 1 (HUNDEE) |
| Number of farmer groups (clusters) represented | 0 |
| Number of private sector organizations | 0 |
| Number of other groups and specify (e.g. youth group etc.) | 1 (Sinana Small and micro business Enterprise) |

*III: Narrative description of the activity (Around 300 words)*

Briefly describe the key elements of the activity-What went well and what did not go well?

**A concise presentation on Africa RISING research activities and existing opportunities and challenges were presented. Availability of diversified partners, local government support and farmers’ willingness to participate in many protocols were mentioned as good opportunities. Implementing large number of protocols, inaccessibility of some sub-zones in Kebeles to diversify participating farmers were pinpointed as major challenges. A good discussion was held on the feasibility of some technologies selected on the pre-scaling up. Sinana Agricultural Research center representatives challenged the selected wheat varieties (*Honkolo & Bika*) are only suitable for lower altitudes and are very susceptible for the wheat- rust disease in Sinana. On the pre-scaling up work the Woreda AGP office made a presentation emphasizing if/when there are proven technologies from Africa RISING, the program will contribute in dissemination to wider farmers within the woreda.**

* **A good facilitation by the IP facilitator contributed to better understanding of AR’s role (More of technical support) and other local actors role in the scaling up work**
* **Zero level of farmers’ participation in the IP meeting was a missed opportunity to hear their perspective on the woreda IP meeting although they had a say on the kebele IP meeting and the field day in the previous days.**

What key ‘next steps’ emerged from the activity

* **Using the IP as major platform learning and decision, Africa RISING (Mainly ICARDA and CYMMIT) and Sinana Agricultural Research Center to work closely to break the predominate mono-cropping system in Sinana through diversification and introduction of disease resistant wheat varieties**
* **To adhere to the four-times-per-year IP meeting plan and to organize the next meeting in four months time**